EIGHTH DAY.

Thursday, 9th October 1941.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Thursday, 9th October 1941, at 12 of the clock, Mr. President (*Rajamantrapravina* N. Madhava Rau, B.A., B.L., Dewan) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Restoration of Tanks in Bangalore South Taluk.

Q.—12. **Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY** (Bangalore South—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of minor and major tanks in the Bangalore South Taluk in Bangalore District;

(*b*) how many of these have been silted up and cannot store the quantity of water sufficient for the *atchkats*;

(*c*) in how many cases action has been taken to repair the tanks so as to prevent silting and to store sufficient water for the *atchkats* during the past two years;

(*d*) how many tanks are likely to be repaired during the current year in each village;

(*e*) the number of tanks for which estimates were prepared last year but the works were not taken up;

(*f*) the reason for not having taken up such works?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).**—

(*a*) Major 69; Minor 277.

(*b*) The exact number can be furnished only after investigations.

(*c*) Information is not readily available as to the exact number of such cases.

(*d*) Fifty-five repair works are proposed to be taken up in the taluk during the current year under Irrigation Cess Fund.

(*e*) No such case in respect of repair works.

(*f*) This does not arise.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—It is stated in the printed answer that the major and minor tanks in the Bangalore South Taluk. number 69 and 277, respectively. Is that correct or do the figures relate to both the South and the North Taluks?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The figures have to be corrected as: major tanks 27 and minor tanks 115.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Do the figures include tanks in all kinds of villages such as government, kayamgutta, jodi, etc.?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—I think so.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—With reference to answer (*b*) stating that the exact number of silted tanks can be furnished only after investigation, how long will it take to make the investigation?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—It is not possible to say.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—At least in respect of the South Taluk alone?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—If complaints are received from the parties affected by the inadequacy of water, they will be investigated.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Is there not an overseer for each taluk?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Could not a report be obtained from him?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—It can be, but it is hoped that the water is adequate for all the *atchkat*.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Are not the Government aware that there are

many silted up tanks in the Bangalore District?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—May be.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—If so, should they not make special enquiries and find out how far water in each tank is sufficient for irrigating the entire *atchkat*?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—As I said, if the *atchkatdars* complain, it will be investigated.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Is it not possible to build *anecuts* to prevent the silting?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The department has been doing it all along, wherever necessary and possible.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—One of the former Executive Engineers is reported to have devised certain measures for preventing silt accumulation. Are they being adopted?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Wherever restoration is taken up, it will be tried.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Even apart from the work of restoration, is it not necessary to devise measures to prevent silting up?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—I agree that it is desirable to do so.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—If that is done, will it not be possible to increase the storage capacity of the tank?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes, the suggestion will be considered.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Will steps be taken in that direction in respect of the 55 tanks intended to be repaired during the current year?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes, to the extent possible.

Repairs to Chikkakere Tank in Gundlupet Taluk.

Q.—20. **Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA** (Gundlupet—Urban).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many years have passed since the breach of Chikkakere (tank), (Vijayapura Amanikere), Gundlupet Taluk;

(*b*) whether there were any petitions by the raiyats of that place requesting the repair of the said tank;

(*c*) what steps have been taken by the Government in this direction;

(*d*) whether they will take immediate steps to repair the said tank?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).**—

(*a*) 25 years.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) As the restoration of this tank was considered unremunerative, a separate small tank was constructed to protect the interests of the *atchkat* lands.

(*d*) This does not arise.

Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA.—Why is it that no answer is furnished about the restoration of Vijayapura Amanikere?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The question put by the member was about Chikkakere and not about Vijayapura Amanikere.

Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA.—The object of the question is to bring to the notice of Government that in summer months all the wells in Vijayapura village get dried up.

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The raising of the bund of the newly constructed tank would increase its storage capacity and be helpful to the wells also.

Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA.—My suggestion is that the wells will be helped only by raising the waste-weir in cases in which tanks have breached.

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Not if the breach is in the centre. It is not so easy. We shall, however, enquire whether any such thing is practicable.

Feeder Channels to Holavanahalli Tank.

Q.—22. **Mr. S. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA** (Koratagere—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that even though the Holavanahalli tank is full, the water is not sufficient even for raising half the crop;

(*b*) whether water was being led through a feeder channel to the tank when there was the old *anecut* for the Jayamangali river;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that one of the objects with which the new